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MINERS STAND FIRM AGAINST PAY CUT

Harding Opposes Special Taxes For Bonus

WILL GIVE CONGRESS HIS VIEWS

Favors Compensation but Seeks Same Way to Fulfill Pledges.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Harding is unalterably opposed to the enactment of the special taxes suggested to finance the soldier bonus or to the return to taxes which have been repealed. It was stated officially today at the White House.

It also was indicated that the executive was very much in doubt if it would be possible to raise the required sum to finance the cash feature of the bonus under an issue of bonds without appreciably advancing interest rates and depressing the financial tranquility which is sought.

The president, it was said, was disposed to be favorable to the bonus, but his attitude had to be that of finding some and sensible conditions for the fulfillment of promises made on one hand without disturbing the desired return to financial stability.

It was stated that Mr. Harding's attitude on the bonus question would be made clear to congress in a communication expected to be sent to the senate and house subcommittees dealing with the bonus subject. Whether this letter would go forward today was not disclosed.

SKULL BROKEN BY HORSE KICK

Ross Barton, Cornell, Ill. Boy, Unconscious Since Friday as Result of Accident.

Pontiac, Ill., Feb. 14.—Ross Barton, the youngest son of Supervisor and Mrs. Frank D. Barton of Cornell, Ill., in a semi-conscious condition at the home of his parents in Amity township suffering from a fractured skull. Last Friday evening the youth was engaged in driving stock into the barn of the home farm, two miles south of Cornell. In the maneuver he was struck on the head by a horse or some of the other stock.

GIRL BANDIT IS TAKEN IN STORE

Chicago, Feb. 14.—When Eva Daley, 22 years old, entered a grocery store and attempted to hold up the proprietor, according to the police, the grocer grabbed her gun and held her until a customer called the police. The latter believe that she is a girl who has been leading a band of robbers on holdups and burglaries here for several days.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO SHACKLETON

Montevideo, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Military, naval and state honors will be rendered by the Uruguayan government to Sir Ernest Shackleton when his body is put on the British steamship Woodville, which will convey it back to South Georgia Island for burial.

THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Local temperature tonight between 10 and 15 degrees. Highest temperature yesterday, 21; lowest tonight, 11. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 1 mile per hour. Precipitation, none.

	12 m.	7 p.m.	7 a.m.
Dry bulb temp.	11	18	12
Wet bulb temp.	8	14	12
Relative humid.	38	32	68
River stage at 7 a. m., 4.1; a rise of 2.2 last 24 hours.			
Sunset today, 5.35 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 6.59 a. m.			

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

The Argus' Business Review

(By Consolidated Press.)
Telegraphic dispatches from nation's important centers giving Business News and Reviews of Interest and Importance to Producer and Consumer.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 14.—Business this week got a late start on account of the holiday Monday, but the largest number of buyers representing retail houses gathered here in years is now in the city and trade is expected to brighten perceptibly before the end of the week. Increased buying power of the farmer is finding a reflection in the retail business which in turn is being passed on to jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers. Prices for finished products, however, have not reflected the rise in many raw materials and manufacturers in this district are working on small margins of profit in many lines.

Sweaters and knit goods continue in first rate demand here. Millinery houses have recorded some improvement in demand and building hardware, farm and garden implements have taken a better start. Inquiries in the iron and steel trade are on the increase in this section and foundries are showing more activity.

Building preparations continue undiminished with considerable firmness manifested in building materials. Coal is moving more freely and some reserve stocks are being stored in anticipation of any possible shortage.

Silk business conditions to reflect the unsteadiness of the primary markets and both manufacturers and retailers of finished goods continue to exercise caution in their purchases.

ST. PAUL.

St. Paul, Feb. 14.—Business men of the twin-cities forecast substantial gains throughout the northwest and expect a better volume of business throughout the spring and summer. The increase in the purchasing power of the farmer is seen in the \$4,000,000 volume of sales at the automobile show recently held here. Over 150,000 people from this territory attended the show. The most tender spot in the northwest, North Dakota, is healing. Farmers are more optimistic, business is improved in the rural districts and financing is adequate. No. 1 western contractors in convention today forecast the greatest construction program in the history of this territory. Bankers report that the hoarded money of the northwest is appearing. The advance in the prices of farm products has had an immediate and noticeable effect on retail merchandise sales, which have picked up in every community.

Mail order houses report good business and millinery, drygoods and hardware merchants report satisfactory volume of business.

PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 14.—Clearance sales have made big inroads in the stock of Pittsburgh merchants. Some of the department stores are offering any suit or overcoat in stock at not more than \$25. There have been similar drives in women's wear and other lines. These sales have been an important factor in reducing the stocks. The demand for spring goods is already in evidence.

Payrolls are growing in this district. Steel plants are enlarging production. The McKeesport Tin

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PAIR CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Bloomington, Ill. Couple Held for Breaking Into Railroad Car and Stealing Articles.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 14.—Pete Todorak and his wife, Mayme Todorak, of Madison county, were given a hearing last night before United States Commissioner Clayton C. Herr, in his office at the court house on a charge of having broken into an interstate commerce car, and taking therefrom a number of articles.

NIPPON TENNIS STAR MARRIED

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 14.—Zenzo Shimidzu, member of the Japanese Davis Cup team, which reached the final round of the 1921 national title tennis matches, arrived here with his bride, from Japan yesterday. He was married in Nippon. He will return to New York

DEATH ROLL IN BELFAST REACHES 18

50 Wounded—Tension in Ireland Forebodes Civil War.

BULLETIN.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—A large body of troops appeared in the streets of Belfast late this afternoon. They were the first to be sent here since the renewed outbreak of disorders began.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Forty-two of the kidnapped Ulster Unionists, it was stated today, have requested Premier Craig of Ulster to liberate immediately the Monaghan football players held prisoner in Ulster, the Unionists declaring they themselves would be held captive until the football prisoners were released.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Snipers continued their grim work in the disturbed sections of Belfast this morning. The death toll since Saturday had increased to 18 by the deaths of two men who were victims to flying bullets in the streets during the noon hour. The number of wounded at the same hour had reached the total of approximately fifty.

In the main thoroughfare of the city business proceeded apparently as usual, but in the storm centers the sniping was frequent and dangerous.

Police Patrol City.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 14.—William Waring, a caretaker of Orange hall, in Clifton street, was shot in the neck today and is in a serious condition.

A truckman leading a horse through Clifton street, near the scene of the Waring shooting, was stopped by a man, who produced a revolver and fired point blank at the truck driver, wounding him in the abdomen. He is in a critical condition.

The police today were again patrolling the troubled districts of the city in armored cars to forestall any serious outbreaks. The majority of the shops along North Queen street have been obliged to suspend business.

Situation Serious.

London, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Michael Collins' dramatic disclosure of an alleged republican plot to overthrow the provisional government, the sudden and unexplained suspension of the British military evacuation, and the dangerous tension between the north and south, have combined to produce a serious situation in Ireland.

The outcome no one here ventures to forecast more definitely than by speculating on the dreary possibilities, but dispatches show that the position on the frontier is not far removed from a state of war. Indeed, the prospect of civil war is being seriously discussed in Belfast and elsewhere in the north.

The dispatches sent by Belfast correspondents of the London newspapers represent the temper of the Ulstermen as being such that, unless the kidnapped unionists are speedily released, there will certainly follow an explosion which may lead to war.

Concerning the supposed plot against the provisional government, nothing is known here beyond what Mr. Collins revealed in his cable correspondence with Thomas Lyons, secretary of the American Irish Republic, and the Dublin correspondents refrain from even speculating on it.

MINE AT PANAMA, ILL., ON FIRE

Overcharged "Shot" Starts Blaze in Coal Shaft; Two Men Overcome in Fighting Flames.

Pana, Ill., Feb. 14.—Fire which started in Panama mine No. 2 here last night was still raging this morning and the mine was sealed following fruitless attempts to extinguish the flames. Two men were overcome by fumes and five mules were suffocated before the fire fighters abandoned their efforts to hold the fire in check.

The fire was caused by an overcharged "shot." It was said. Coal on the face of walls burst into flame after the shot.

John Simpson, night manager of the mine, and his assistant, Herbert Gehm, were overcome while directing the fire fighting. The mine will remain sealed for two weeks, at least, it was said.

No Solution Near in Taylor Case; Air Filled With Talk Of 'Mystery' Men and Women

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 14.—No official connected with the William Desmond Taylor mystery was confident enough to declare today that any actual progress had been made toward its solution.

The officers were at work but found themselves confronted with "too many wild 'tips,'" they said, and too few genuine clues.

Many of these "tips" live through one edition of a newspaper—and disappear.

The detectives of the police department still declared their belief that the case never would be cleared until Edward F. Sands, the missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, had been discovered. And the sheriff's deputies were still firm in their opinion that Sands had nothing to do with the case.

The air was filled with rumors of "mystery men" and "mystery women" and "mystery witnesses," "drug peddlers," "jealousy motives" and "revenge theories," but back of them all were the facts that Sands had not been found; that the slayer had not been arrested, and that the case was unsolved.

BARE SWINDLES OF CHICAGOANS OF SIX MILLIONS

Western Land Operators' Company Latest Raided.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Investigation of the dealings of the Western Land Operators' company, the third concern raided by authorities within three days and believed by them to have swindled foreign-born citizens of more than \$1,500,000 was under way here today by government agents.

Within three days gigantic swindles totalling approximately \$6,500,000, according to conservative estimate by officers, were disclosed with the arrest on Saturday of Raymond J. Bischoff, and the arrests yesterday of three employees of the Western Land Operators' association, and three employees of the American Novaculite company.

Leslie Harrington, said by police to be the moving spirit in the affairs of the American Novaculite company, and Charles Leusch and Charles Phillips, general manager and president of the Western Land Operators' company, are being sought by the police.

Bischoff involved? The raid on the offices of the Western Land Operators' company was made last night on the complaint of Attorney Sidney Rames, representing 200 creditors. Just as the police believe they have established a connection between the working of Bischoff and Harrington, so have they come to the belief that the Western Land Operators' company was connected with the other two and that the three were operating huge swindles jointly.

The investigators indicated today that the total losses to the families who invested their savings in the companies may run much higher than the figure now set as high as \$6,500,000.

Harrington, the police said, fled the city in the morning a short time before his establishment was raided. Three other employees of his concern also fled at the same time and have not been found.

The raids and arrests followed the hearing of Bischoff held before Judge Landis yesterday and in which Bischoff admitted knowing Harrington and said he had loaned Harrington money on several occasions.

HARDING GETS MINER REPORT

Conciliators Who Probed New River Coal Field Trouble Give Findings to President.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Harding had before him today the report of H. B. Dyer and E. G. Davis, department of labor conciliators who recently investigated conditions in the New River coal fields of West Virginia after a delegation of miners had complained to the president of election of miners' families from houses during labor troubles. The report was sent to the president by Secretary Davis.

Miss Piza's Dad Once Slapped Crane's Face and Challenged Him to Duel, Elida Asserts

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The story of how Benjamin Piza, Costa Rican planter, and father of Miss Elida E. Piza, former wife of Herbert P. Crane, St. Charles millionaire, challenged Crane to a duel when the latter went to Costa Rica last December to call on his former father-in-law, was made known here today by Miss Piza. Crane refused to accept the challenge, she said.

When Crane arrived at Piza's office, she said, her father was in an adjoining town. Crane, after a long wait, boarded a train to return to the port of Limon, but Piza, who

MEX REBELS AT EL PASO UNDER PAROLE OF U. S.

Charged With Violation of American Neutrality.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—General Juan Merigo, arrested early Sunday on the United States side of the line near El Paso, after he returned from Mexico, was paroled by department of justice operatives last evening after several hours' investigation.

General Merigo will remain where he can be held, according to the terms of his parole.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—The capture and detention of General Juan Merigo and Primitivo Hernandez by the United States immigration authorities at El Paso for alleged violation of United States neutrality is reported here.

General Merigo with 29 men is said to have crossed from the United States into the Mexican state of Chihuahua on Feb. 9, and to have clashed with federal troops last Sunday, his force being dispersed.

His activities were reported to the American authorities by Mexican officials at Juarez, and he was taken into custody, together with Hernandez, early yesterday morning after recrossing into the United States.

Washington in Dark.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Commissioner General Husband of immigration said today he had no official reports as yet on the detention at El Paso of General Juan Merigo and Primitivo Hernandez by inspectors of his bureau, but that he considered it possible some action of the kind had been taken.

Immigration inspectors along the Mexican border have been keeping a number of Mexican leaders under surveillance for some time, it was said.

GIRL WIFE SHOT IS RECOVERING

Condition of Mrs. Strain, Bloomington, Wounded by Husband, Reported Good.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 14.—Lloyd Strain, who was shot four times by his husband, Charles Strain, Saturday night, was considered very good last night and it is believed she will recover, unless unforeseen complications develop.

Coroner Leo McReynolds announced yesterday that the inquest over the remains of Charles Strain, who killed himself after shooting his wife, will be held in the coroner's office at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

ENGINEER FREED.

Valparaiso, Ind., Feb. 14.—Charges of manslaughter against the engineer and fireman of the Michigan Central passenger train which collided with a New York Central passenger train at Porter, Ind., last February, and resulted in the deaths of 37 persons, were dismissed.

WHEAT HITS HIGH SPOTS IN CHICAGO

Big Rise on Liverpool Market Boosts May 6 1/2 Cents.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Wheat prices jumped as much as 6 1/2 cents a bushel today at the opening of the board of trade. The reason was a sensational advance in Liverpool and other foreign market centers while United States exchanges were closed during yesterday's holiday.

May delivery, the most active trading option here, opened at 1.37 to 1.39 1/2, as against 1.33 to 1.35 1/2 at the finish on Saturday.

Dealings in Chicago took on large proportions as soon as the market opened, the prevailing view being that the extraordinary rise in values abroad was largely due to more general realization of the fact that the world is confronted by small supplies of wheat, and that hope for relief by early shipments of new winter wheat from the United States might prove fallacious owing to the poor crop outlook.

Speculators Caught.

Speculators who had sold wheat on the assumption that a normal yield of winter wheat in this country was to be expected, found themselves this morning in a decidedly uncomfortable position, and it was their efforts to extricate themselves without further losses that had much to do with forcing prices here sharply upward.

When demand from this source had been partly satisfied, the market reacted somewhat, holders of wheat taking advantage of the circumstances to sell out at a huge profit.

A good deal of the selling on the initial advance in the wheat market here was said to come from interests that had bought at Winnipeg yesterday while the advance there was in its early stages.

Up 8 1/2 in Liverpool.

Great as was the soaring of wheat prices today, the rise was surpassed at Liverpool, where at 3 p. m. the market was up 8 1/2 pence as compared with Saturday's close there. In connection with this fact, gossip was in circulation here that immense export buying was going on at the seaboard in this country, although shipments of wheat from the United States at present would arrive in Europe in direct competition with more seasonable arrivals of wheat from Australia and Argentina. On the other hand, some houses here had advised that Argentine farmers were holding back supplies and that crop damage reports from the Pampas region were being received.

The posting of the Liverpool 3 p. m. statement showing the British market was leading Chicago failed to stir a new advance here. Whether because of this fact or otherwise, the closing prices at Liverpool showed a substantial setback from the top figures, and the market here tended to become steadier in contrast with the wildness of fluctuations which had characterized the beginning of the day.

Lack Selling Incentive. Incentive for speculators to sell wheat appeared difficult to find in the face of messages such as came from one authority in Kansas saying that the crop was being harvested early and that 20 days from now wheat would be a scarce article in Kansas. Other dispatches told of many deep fields of winter wheat in the southwest and of numerous other fields where the crop was only being sown by perfect weather for the remainder of the season. Nevertheless reports that snow was falling at several places in Kansas, furnishing moisture and protection to the crop, led some venturesome dealers to take to the selling side of the market here during the middle of the day and to ease the market down a little as compared with the opening. Nervousness, however, on the part of the majority of the traders in the wheat pit and elsewhere on the exchange floor was still very apparent.

CO-OP MEN MEET IN DES MOINES

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Co-operators from seven states are here for the convention of the American Co-Operators' congress, assembled here today and will continue through Thursday. The convention was called by the American Society of Equity and the Farmers' union for the purpose of furthering the co-operative movement and obtaining greater harmony among the various bodies now promoting it.

David Lawrence Says:

Margot Asquith Calls on Harding; Gets Original Copy of Arms Meet Speech; Talks About "Everything"; Says President Has a "Big Head" Is "So Truthful"; Lady Sidesteps Query as to Whether League of Nations Was Discussed.

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Washington, Feb. 14.—Margot Asquith thinks President Harding has a "big head." She told the correspondents that after spending 20 minutes with the nation's chief executive.

"Why he has a head almost as big as five of us," she said with pardonable exaggeration—"and he is so truthful."

The wife of a minister premier of Great Britain does not always break into the subject of engagements at the White House, and while Mrs. Asquith is in the United States on a lecture tour, the proceeds of which are divided between her and American book agents, nevertheless her visit to the executive offices drew the photographers and newspaper men to the portals of Mr. Harding's room.

Such "Hot Air."

As Mrs. Asquith emerged with outstretched arms and an outburst of superlatives, the reporters gathered around to inquire what was talked about.

"Oh, everything," she said with a sigh of fatigue as she leaned against the corridor walls, and before another question could be popped at her she was fingering her fur neckpiece uncomfortably and remarking upon the heat of the room.

"You Americans seem to fairly thrive on hot air," she said.

"Did you say 'on' or 'in'?" asked one of the group with pencil in hand. But Mrs. Asquith parried with a flow of descriptive adjectives about her visit with the president, how wonderful it was.

"As the president gave me his original copy of the speech he delivered at the arms conference—where, by the way, our Mr. Balfour did marvelously." And here she exhibited the printed copy of the speech nicely autographed and dated in Mr. Harding's own handwriting and thrust it back into her muff for safe keeping.

"Perfectly Sweet!"

"Wasn't that perfectly sweet of him?" she exclaimed as she submitted to more questions from the reporters.

"What did you talk about?"

"Well, international politics and such things."

"Did you talk about the League of Nations?"

There was a pause. Her husband is one of the pro-league movement in Europe.

"Not exactly, but—er—" she started to reply.

"Was it the association of na—"

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REOPEN TRIAL OF MADALYNE

State Will Call Telegrapher to Testify on Messages Between Mrs. Obenchain and Burch.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 14.—The trial of Madalynne C. Obenchain, charged with the killing of J. Belmont Kennedy, a broker, near here last August, was before the superior court today after a recess since Friday.

The state planned to call William Louphin, employee of a telephone company, to testify as to messages alleged to have been sent by Mrs. Obenchain in Los Angeles, to Arthur C. Burch, her co-defendant, in Chicago.

It is charged that in these telegrams Mrs. Obenchain urged Burch to "hurry" to Los Angeles.

FLOUR PRICES RISE 65 CENTS

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 14.—Flour scored an advance of 65 cents a barrel at one of the largest mills here today, as a result of the strong wheat market. Range of prices today for family patent grades was \$7.95 to \$8.50 a barrel, when sold in carload lots. The minimum quotation this year was \$6.75 per barrel in effect Jan. 4.

REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO ANY SLASH

'Suspension of Mining' if No Agreement Reached by April 1.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 14.—The wage scale committee, reporting to the special convention of the United Mine Workers of America here today, declared "in the most emphatic manner our opposition to any reduction in mining prices and insist that the present basic wage schedules be maintained."

The committee in making the demand for retention of the present basic wages said a reduction would lower the standard of living among all miners and cause poverty and suffering throughout the coal fields.

Under the discussion of policy, the committee recommended a general suspension of mining if agreement is reached by April 1, such action to be subject to a referendum vote of the union before March 21. It was also recommended that any wage scale agreement must be submitted to a referendum vote of the district affected.

Some Small Increases. The committee also declared for adjustment of "unequal differentials" which would result in small increases in various fields.

Other recommendations were that all new agreements be based on an eight-hour day underground, with time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holidays; that weekly pay days be instituted; that the practice of firing miners for certain breaches of contract be eliminated; and that the soft coal wage agreement be made for two years extending from April 1, next.

The committee also recommended that the convention ratify the demands of the anthracite miners for a 20 per cent increase in tonnage rates and a one dollar a day increase for day men.

COOLLEY AFTER CANNON'S JOB

Danville Doctor Announces Candidacy for Republican Nomination to Succeed "Uncle Joe."

Danville, Ill., Feb. 14.—Dr. E. P. Coolley today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress from this district subject to the Republican primary in April next. Dr. Coolley has been two years ago against Joseph Cannon, and is at present a delegate to the state constitutional convention.

DENY HEARING ON 'T. B.' TAX

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—Rehearing of the decision by which the supreme court held taxes for tuberculosis sanitariums, illegal and void, was denied this morning. Request for the rehearing was made by State's Attorney Charles F. Evans, of Macon county, who complained that the supreme court had "decided more than was asked for and more than the record called for or justified."

The case was brought up after the Illinois Central railroad had demanded at paying a "portion" of the tuberculosis tax.

FIRES IN PEORIA FEB. 13 TOTAL 13

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 14.—Thirteen of Feb. 13, did \$8,000 damage last night to a clothing store while its owner, Sam Chockera, sat in a picture theatre nearby. The 13 fires set a record here for the last 25 years. Total damage was \$10,000.

Special Wednesday BARGAINS are offered by Neighborhood Stores on the Classified Page of this issue of THE ARGUS